

**REMARKS**

The final Office Action of September 5, 2006, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1-7, 11-20, and 53-57 were previously pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application. Claims 1-7, 11, 12, and 14-20 have been allowed, claims 13, 56, and 57 are directed to allowable subject matter, and claims 13 and 53-55 stand rejected.

It is proposed that claims 13 and 53 be amended and that claim 56 be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph**

Claim 13 has been rejected for reciting subject matter that lacks antecedent basis in the claims. Specifically, the "electrical contact" of claim 13 lacked antecedent basis. It is proposed that claim 13 be revised to positively set forth the "electrical contact," rendering the antecedent basis issue moot. It is respectfully submitted that this proposed revision does not narrow the scope of claim 13 or any other claim of the above-referenced application.

**Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 53-55 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) for being drawn to subject matter that is allegedly unpatentable over the subject matter described in U.S. Patent 4,798,208 to Faasee, Jr. (hereinafter "Faasee").

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single reference which qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102. *Verdegaal Brothers v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

It is proposed that independent claim 53 be amended to include limitations from claim 56 that the Office has indicated to be allowable over the subject matter described in Faasee. Final Office Action, pages 2 and 3. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), the subject matter recited in amended independent claim 53 is allowable.

Claims 54 and 55 are both allowable, among other reasons, for depending directly from amended independent claim 53, which is allowable.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The allowance of claims 1-7, 11, 12, and 14-20 is gratefully acknowledged. The indication that claims 13, 56, and 57 are directed to allowable subject matter is also noted with appreciation. As indicated, it is proposed that limitations from claim 56 be incorporated into independent claim 53 to place independent claim 53 in condition for allowance.

**Entry of Amendments**

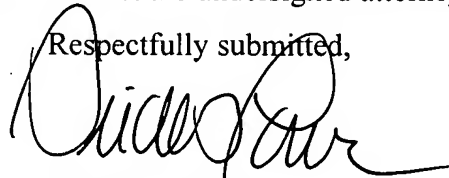
It is respectfully requested that the proposed claim amendments be entered. The proposed amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter into the application, nor would they require an additional search. Moreover, they address all of the issues that remain for purposes of appeal

In the event that a decision is made not to enter the proposed claim amendments, entry thereof upon the filing of a Notice of Appeal in the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-7, 11-20, 53-55, and 57 is allowable. An early notice of the allowability of each of these claims is respectfully solicited, as is an indication that the above-referenced application has been passed for issuance. If any issues preventing allowance of the above-referenced application remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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